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(57) Abstract <p>A rewritable optical recording medium and a method of assigning a spare area in the rewritable optical recording medium is disclosed. In the present invention, a primary spare area of optical discs, which have the same disc size and track pitch but different initial user sizes, are assigned to have a same size, thereby improving the compatibility of the discs.</p>		